



ARMY ACQUISITION REFORM



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US Army Contracting in Bosnia

With great support and funding from DUSD(AR), contracting personnel in Bosnia will be able to transmit RFQs, receive responses and award contracts directly with commercial firms in US through special interface with FACNET including by International Maritime Satellite when land lines are down.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

AMC's innovative ADR process was selected as one of 10 best new procedures in government by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy. Over 400 protests were resolved in an average of 15 days vs over 60 days for GAO.

-- \$5M in savings --

Performance Specifications

CECOM has used intelligence based computer systems to convert to performance specifications on SATCOM spares. Over \$10 million of requirements awarded. ALT/PLT reduced from 24 months to 12 months. Savings of over \$3.8M in the last two years.

Metrics

Mrs. Colleen Preston, DUSA(AR), approved the collection, DOD wide of 11 key strategic level metrics to measure the effectiveness of acquisition reform. The metrics were recommended by Army led, DOD Tiger Team. Collection will start immediately on a quarterly basis.

Waiver Authority

In response to an Army request, Ms. Eleanor Spector, Director of Defense Procurement, delegated to the services the authority to approve (with some limitations) class deviations to the FAR and the DFARS, an authority previously provided only to DoD Reinvention Laboratory.